(a) whether it is a fact that requests were made by the Members of Parliament of 11* Lok Sabha to the then Railway Minister for stoppage of Puja Express at Gurgaon bound for Jammu and back, as a lot of pilgrims are facing difficulties in reaching Delhi Railway Station and back;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government on those requests and the results thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations had been received regarding stoppage of 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express at Gurgaon.

(b) These were examined but not found feasible for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad Rail Line

1082. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad rail line during the current year;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) if not, by when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed section is an approved work which has received the requisite clearances. Earthwork and bridge work are presently in progress on the first phase between Mudkhed-Nizamabad. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(b) An ouday of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for the work in 1999-2000 Budget.

(c) Does not arise.